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Applicant: Wilfrido R. Castaneda Examiner: M. Milano
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Title: ENDOVASCULAR GRAFT AND PROCESS FOR BRIDGING A DEFECT
IN A MAIN VESSEL NEAR ONE OR MORE BRANCH VESSELS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed, March 13, 2001, for which a one month extension of time for response is herewith requested. The following amendments and remarks place the claims in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

Amendments

Please cancel claims 41-43 without prejudice and amend claims 39 and 44 as

follows:

39. (Amended) A graft for bridging an aneurysm at least partially disposed in an aorta between two renal arteries and two iliac arteries, comprising:
graft material adapted to extend from above at least one of the two renal arteries to a region below the aneurysm without substantially extending into the either of the two renal arteries; and

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